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A Summary of the Parties.

The republican party is made up of a porion of the old whige, the free soil democra's, the abolitionists, and a large number of the know nothings. The anti-slavery element has nothing to work upon, as slavery is forever abolished. There is a vain attempt every little while to get up a rallying cry with a view to warm the hearts of these allies and to attract adherents on account of their views. The South is represented as ready for a fresh uprising; most extravagant fictions are invented to prove that the black man is tyranized over and abused; it is openly asserted that secessionists are banded together to secure compensation for their emuncipated negroes, and to obtain an appropriation for the old Confederate debt. But that issue is dead, and no amount of electric manipulation will give it any ap

pearance of life or motion.

The democratic party must have in it some principles worth preserving, or it never could have survived the mismanagement of its chosen leaders for the last forty years. From the days of the Charleston convention to the present line it has disappointed with to the present time, it has disappointed pub-lic expectation by wasting nearly all its op-portunities of usefulness, and showing a genius for blundering wholly unsurpassed in the history of any other political organi-zation. One thing can be said in its favor, it has never tolerated fraud or corruption among its followers. There has been a plen-ty of both at work among those who, under ts banner, have sought opportunities for blunder, but when discovered they have been followed up sharply and punished. The republican party has been given to shielding its criminals as far as it could, not because the party itself is corrupt, but be-cause it dreaded the shame of exposure.

These two parties are not evenly divided on any great question affecting the prosperby of the country. The republicans, as a party, pursue a centralizing policy, and would bring even local concerns, if possible, under the control of the central government. The democrats favor home rule, and would not have the federal authority felt in anything not essential to the proper exercise of its constitutional functions. Neither party is as strenuous as it should be in preserving intact the restrictions of the federal constitution, but the republicans have led the way to place the power of Congress in all things above the fundamental law. The republi cans glory in the consolidation of the union into a nation with a strong central authority controlling all things. The most thoughful among the democrats cling to the idea of a federation to which is committed certain power to be exercised for the common good, beyond which it may not go, even to glorify

Upon the tariff question the parties are divided, two thirds or three fourths of the republicans holding to the doctrine of a tariff for protection, while the same proportion of the democrats regard a proper tariff as one designed for revenue and affording all the protection to home industry that can be reasonably required in rates of duty just sufficient to raise the enormous amount required to meet the proper outgoes of the

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